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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
**SLIJKHUIS, et al.**

Examiner: **STEADMAN, David J.**

Application No.: **10/084,814**

Art Unit: **1652**

Filed: **February 26, 2002**

Title: **PROCESS FOR OXIDATION OF  
STEROIDS AND GENETICALLY  
ENGINEERED CELLS USED  
THEREIN**

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**Response to Non-Final Office Action Under 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sirs,

Applicants hereby file a response to the non-final Office Action issued June 17, 2004 for the above-identified application. A request for a three-month extension of time and the required fee accompany this amendment, extending the period of reply to and including today, December 17, 2004.

Reconsideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment necessitated by this amendment to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Title begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.